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## Afghans Want Peace, Says Ambassador

The Afghan ambassador to the United States told an audience of 50 in McKeldin library Nov. 20 that the Afghan people view U.S. troops as liberators, not conquerors. Ishaq Shahryar, the first recognized ambassador since 1978, contrasted the U.S. presence with the Soviet invasion of 1979, which he claimed was an effort to capture Afghanistan's wealth of natural resources.

"The United States helped liberate us from the Soviet forces then...and today they liberated us from the hands of terrorists."

Referring to the 23 years of conflict that have ravaged his country, Shahryar spoke on his efforts to rebuild the Afghan economy, saying American financial support and the peacekeeping efforts of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were vital.

"Security of the state and security of the individual will bring businesses and prosperity

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## Senator Wants to Jump-Start College for All



PHOTO BY DAVE OTTALINI

Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., used the Stamp Student Union Nov. 21 to give a major policy speech on education. The presidential hopeful proposed a government program that would pay the first year's college tuition for a student who also works 10 hours a week at a job or community service.

## Task Force to Seek Solutions to Crime Near University

Concerns about the safety and security of University of Maryland students in the Route 1 corridor adjacent to the university prompted Maryland President Dan Mote to appoint a seven-person task force to develop long-term solutions to violent crime in the area.

Mote asked Col. David Mitchell, superintendent of the Maryland State Police, to head the task force, which will include representatives from the university, College Park and Prince George's County.

Mote announced the task force last week during an open forum on safety and security hosted by Kenneth W. Krouse, director of public safety for the university, and Gerald Wilson, police chief for Prince George's County.

"Ensuring the safety of our students is one of our most important jobs," Mote said. "The recent tragic murder of a university student in College Park, as well as other reported violent crimes in the Route 1 corridor near the university, makes clear that we must all do more to make the university and its immediate environs a community where all can feel secure and free from fear."

The task force will make recommendations by the end of the year for long-term strategies to halt violent crime in that area of College Park.

In addition to Mitchell, members of the task force are: Chiefs Krouse and Wilson; College Park City Manager Sam Finz; Student Affairs Vice President Linda Clement; John Farley, assistant vice president for administrative affairs; Brandon De-Frehn, Student Government Association president; and a county representative to be named later by incoming County Executive Jack Johnson.

## Seminar Addresses Palestinian-Israeli, Iraq Crises

Discussing how the intifada that began two years ago had started as a simple, localized conflict and then mushroomed into an international crisis, Khalil Jahshan, vice president of the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, posited a number of reasons. Among them was that the intifada had unified Arab public opinion and intensified the politicization and radicalization of Arab youth.

Jahshan spoke as part of an Office of International Programs (OIP) seminar, "The Middle East in Crisis," held recently during International Education Week. The event was part of OIP's Regional Seminar Series, and was held in cooperation with the Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development.

The first of the two panels, "The Palestinian-Israeli Crisis," was moderated by Jonathan Wilkenfeld, director of Center for International Development and Conflict Management and former chair of the Department of Government and Politics. Panelists were Jahshan and David Makovsky, senior fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

Jahshan also articulated the Palestinian viewpoint that Israel's conduct during the intifada amount-

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## Life Sciences Provides Personal Touch for Diversity Effort

Guests from 10 college institutions came to the university, at an invite from the College of Life Sciences, for a day-long workshop last Friday to encourage the continued success of the school's Graduate Diversity Partners Program.

"We were quite pleased with the turnout," said Amel Anderson, assistant dean of the College of Life Sciences and director of the Graduate Diversity Partners Program.

This is the second year of the partnership program, which aims to increase the diversity profile of the graduate students in the college. The program involves making contact with other college institutions, faculty visits and a summer program at the university for students and faculty.

The personal touch of the events on Friday allow faculty from the other colleges to see the campus, its facilities and what the university has to offer, Anderson said.

Friday's event began with a continental breakfast at 8 a.m. hosted by Dennis O'Connor, vice presi-

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## Libraries, Archives and Museums in a Post-9/11 World

Immense amounts of information flooded libraries, archives and museums after Sept. 11. An archivist recently discussed how this challenged the nature and meaning of these institutions.

Richard Cox, a professor at the School of Information Science at the University of Pittsburgh, spoke about the affects of book publishing, archival documentation projects, planning for memorials and developing of museum exhibits on the roles of libraries, archives and museums after the attacks.

"I have no doubts that events of September 11, 2001 will have a long term effect on America," Cox said. Cox likened the events of that day to the assassination of John F. Kennedy and the explosion of the Challenger in that people will never forget were they were when they heard the news of the attack.

The war on terror is more like the war on poverty drugs or cancer, Cox said. It is more of a metaphor than a real war.

The attacks of 9/11 have already inspired many memorials and documentary projects that in the past would not have occurred until years or even decades later, said Cox. "9/11 may be the first digital-age tragedy in the Western World.

"Who would have expected that the heavy global symbolism of the shimmering spires of the World Trade Center would be obliterated? The vulnerability of civilization and our way of life which we often seem to equate seemed more possible," Cox said.

He felt a double embarrassment about the attack, he said. The intense focus on 9/11 was far out of proportion to other things going on in other parts of the world. Some felt there was a huge amount of self-absorption in the coverage. "Even with the large loss of life and apparent surprise of it all," Cox said.

He was also embarrassed when he saw the tons of paper floating in New York City. He talked about "the disruptions to telecommunications and information networks and the sure loss of recorded and human held information.

"In the meaning and memory inducing projects comes confusion about archives, museums and libraries, all keepers of societal memory," Cox said.

Cox questioned how the event should be recorded. "Grieving is important," Cox said, "but is this the appropriate representation of what archives, libraries and museums are intended to do?"

He reflected on the long-term impact on the public perception of these institutions and the impli-

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YOUR GUIDE TO UNIVERSITY EVENTS: DECEMBER 3-9

TUESDAY

## december 3

**11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Hong Kong in Transition: The Next Five Years** 2517 Van Munching. The Institute for Global Chinese Affairs will host a special luncheon with Hong Kong's senior representative in North America, Jacqueline Ann Willis. She will address current trade and cultural relations between Hong Kong and the United States. Tickets include lunch and are \$5 for students, \$10 for faculty and others. For more information, call Rebecca McGinnis at 5-0213.

**4-6 p.m., Shaker Song: The Rhythms of American Equality and Community** 0200 Skinner. A lecture/concert given by David Grimstead and featuring an historical analysis of Shaker music interwoven with the actual performance of Shaker songs. Pizza and conversation will follow. For more information, contact Ann Jimenez at 5-4268 or aj103@umail.umd.edu.

**5:30 p.m., Chamber Music at Maryland, Parts I & II** Gildenhorn Recital Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Presented by the Chamber Music Program of the School of Music. A two-part recital featuring music for strings, winds and piano performed by a variety of student ensembles. Free. For more information, call (301) 405-ARTS or visit [www.umd.edu/music/calendar](http://www.umd.edu/music/calendar).

WEDNESDAY

## december 4

**noon-1 p.m., Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Students: Issues and Updates** 0114 Counseling Center. Director of the Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Equity Luke Jensen will speak. For more information, contact Vivian Boyd, 4-7675 or vb14@umail.umd.edu.

**noon-1 p.m., How Much Service is Enough? Service-Learning Curriculum Development** 2144 Stamp Student Union. When faculty develop or redesign courses to include service-learning, the question arises, how much service is enough? This session explores the issue in light of faculty

## Holiday Craft Fair (today!)

The Art and Learning Center's craft fair will feature unique handcrafted items, perfect for holiday gift giving. Live entertainment by both on- and off-campus groups will also be featured. For more information, call (301) 314-ARTS. The event takes place today, Tuesday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom, Stamp Student Union.

learning goals for courses and the elements of service-learning curriculum development. For more information, contact Jennifer Pigza at 4-2895 or jpigza@accmail.umd.edu.

**7 p.m., Creative Writing Faculty Reading: Howard Norman** Special Events Room, McKeldin Library. Part of the "Writers Here and Now" series. For more information, contact Don Berger at 5-3820 or db188@umail.umd.edu.

THURSDAY

## december 5

**7 p.m., Looking for The Perfect Bra** Riversdale House Museum. Lecture given by Colleen Gau. The museum is located 1.5 miles from campus in Riverdale Park. For more information, call (301) 864-0420 or visit [www.pgparcs.com](http://www.pgparcs.com).

**8 p.m., University of Maryland Symphony Orchestra** Dekelbom Concert Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Featuring Shostakovich's Violin Concerto no. 1, Symphonic Variations by Lutoslawski, and a rare performance of Don Quixote by Richard Strauss. Free. For more information, call (301) 405-ARTS or visit [www.umd.edu/music/calendar](http://www.umd.edu/music/calendar).

FRIDAY

## december 6

**9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Poinsettia Sale** Harrison Lab Greenhouses. Over 80 varieties with bract colors or white, shades of red and pink, and bi-colors. For more information, call 5-4376.

**noon-1:15 p.m., Department of Communication Colloquium Series** 0200 Skinner. James R. Andrews, Indiana University, will present "History, Race, and Presidential Rhetoric: Woodrow Wilson and the Ceremonial Discourse of National Unity." For more information, contact Trevor Parry-Giles at 5-8947 or

tp54@umail.umd.edu.

**7:30 p.m., Maryland Opera Studio: Riders to the Sea and Monsieur Choufleuri** Kay Theatre, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Directed by Paul Douglas Michnewicz and Nicholas Olcott; John Greer conducts. In English with music by Ralph Vaughn Williams and Jacques Offenbach. Free. For more information, call (301) 405-ARTS or visit [www.umd.edu/music/calendar](http://www.umd.edu/music/calendar).

**8 p.m., Festival of Nine Lessons And Carols** Memorial Chapel. Presented by the Department of Choral Activities and modeled after the Christmas Eve tradition presented annually in King's College, Cambridge, England. Tickets are \$10; \$5 for students. For more information, call 5-5571.

SATURDAY

## december 7

**3 p.m., Maryland Opera Studio: La Voix Humaine and Scenes from Thaïs and Cendrillon** Kogod Theatre, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Directed by Leon Major, conducted by John Greer. Performed in French with the music of Francois Poulenc and Jules Massenet. Free. For more information, call (301) 405-ARTS or visit [www.umd.edu/music/calendar](http://www.umd.edu/music/calendar).

**8 p.m., Maryland Chorus Annual Holiday Concert** Dekelbom Concert Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. The Chorus celebrates the holidays with stirring seasonal favorites. Tickets are \$20 adults; \$18 seniors; \$5 students. (Repeat performances on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3 and 7:30 p.m.) For more information, call (301) 405-ARTS or visit [www.umd.edu/music/calendar](http://www.umd.edu/music/calendar).

**8 p.m., Taking Chances** Dance Theatre, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. This program highlights the chore-

## Archives: New Meaning

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cations for schools educating the professionals who work in such places.

"Are we interested in memorializing those who lost their lives on that day or are we merely witnessing a mixing of grief and sentiment with a national thirst for heritage?" Cox said.

"Capturing such messages [as the e-mails sent in the last moments before the towers collapsed] may be causing a fundamental shift in the way we imagine archives.... In some ways, the tragic destruction of the World Trade towers suggests that digital systems are superior to paper systems—reversing the trend we have witnessed and debated since the advent of the personal computer," Cox said.

The images of paper floating through the skies made many reevaluate the effectiveness of the "paper system" of record keeping, he said.

"The events of September 11 brought with them a considerable amount of economic instability, especially reflected by the close of the New York Stock Exchange," said Cox. There is an image associated with September 11 of destroyed corporate headquarters (Cox cited Enron and Arthur Anderson) and scattered paper documents.

"What will take longer to rebuild," Cox asked, "the Twin Towers or credibility in mod-

ern American businesses?

"The emergence of interest in documenting every aspect of an event...is clearly the by-product of a vast information charting and storing device of our digital age," Cox said. We feel we were witnesses to the events of 9/11 regardless of where we were, said Cox.

"Archives need to be able to hold all the records—ones that comfort us, ones that disturb us," said Cox. Many people feel that the problem with this is terrorists can use such extensive records as a study guide, he said.

"The irony of the ongoing effort to create 9/11 archives and museums while access to government information is decreased as part of a reaction to and efforts to protect the nation from terrorism should be obvious to most.... Perhaps less understood are the misconceptions of archives and the more pervasive values of records that are being perpetrated by the various 9/11 projects," Cox said.

The University of Maryland's College of Information Studies, University of Maryland Libraries, Student Archivists at Maryland, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (MARAC) and Maryland Caucus and MARAC Washington DC Caucus organized the presentation.

—Jenni Chêw,  
junior, journalism

ography talents of Department of Dance graduate students. Tickets are \$8, \$5 students. For more information, call (301) 405-ARTS or visit [www.umd.edu/music/calendar](http://www.umd.edu/music/calendar).

MONDAY

## december 9

**4 p.m., Footbinding and State Power in Traditional China** 3121 Symons. Dorothy Ko of Barnard College will present this fifth seminar in "The Body and Body Politic" series sponsored by the Center for Historical Studies. Ko is author of two books and many articles on gender, sex and women in traditional China. Discussion at the seminar will be based on a pre-circulated paper; to request a copy of the paper or for more information, contact the Center at 5-8739 or [historycenter@umail.umd.edu](mailto:historycenter@umail.umd.edu).

For additional event listings, visit [www.collegepublisher.com/outlook](http://www.collegepublisher.com/outlook).

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## Ambassador: Has Hope

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PHOTO BY D. VAN, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Afghan Ambassador Ishaq Shahryar spoke at McKeldin Library.

to Afghanistan.... Most of the country is safe, but there are still pockets."

Shahryar praised the congressional bill passed on Nov. 15 authorizing \$2.3 billion to rebuild the country and \$1 billion to expand the Kabul-based ISAF. He also noted the United States' role in financing the planned 600-mile-long road linking the major cities Kabul and Kandahar.

With billions of dollars of aid coming in, Shahryar said President Hamid Karzai, whose interim government was installed last December to replace the Taliban, was working to erase the former regime's legacy of terror. He said many of the Taliban were trained outside the country, in Pakistan mostly, and weren't considered true Afghans by his compatriots.

"The Taliban terrorized Afghanistan. Afghans by nature are not terrorists. In the Soviet invasion you never heard of an Afghan bombing an airplane or an embassy."

After the fall of the Taliban, he said all the ethnic groups in Afghanistan were weary of fighting and wanted to live in peace. Neighboring countries too, he claimed, had learned the lesson of interfering with Afghanistan's internal affairs and would choose peaceful coexistence.

"Before the Soviet invasion, Afghanistan was peaceful for many years," he said.

Part of his government's work in restoring that peace includes addressing human rights violations. Shahryar admitted there was still a long way to go.

"If I tell you human rights [in Afghanistan] are wonderful they are not. They are maybe 20 percent better than they were, but they are improving," Shahryar said.

He did note that girls were welcomed in schools now and that women had voted in recent elections.

Throughout his speech Shahryar repeated his hope of using new technology to resuscitate agriculture and industry in Afghanistan in its growing relationship with the

United States.

This relationship was tested last summer in the wake of a U.S. bomb hitting a wedding party. Saying an investigation showed Taliban had used the party as cover to fire at U.S. aircraft, Shahryar said there hadn't been a major shift in feeling against America.

"Sometimes in a war this happens, unfortunately. The average Afghan is very happy to have the U.S. troops here," he said.

Shahryar said he was confident the relationship will remain close and that he's received assurances from President Bush that the United States wouldn't neglect Afghanistan in the event of war with Iraq.

"The world has realized recently that you cannot forget about Afghanistan," he said.

Shahryar came to this country in 1956 to study at the University of California, earning a bachelor's degree in physical chemistry and a master's degree in international relations.

Shahryar is credited with making solar cell technology feasible and worked at NASA and in a division of Hughes Aircraft. In 1976 he started his own company Solec International, which he later sold.

He was granted U.S. citizenship, but had to give it up to become ambassador.

Despite his absence, Shahryar remained active in Afghanistan's affairs, serving as an informal adviser to former King Zahir Shah, during his long exile in Italy.

Shahryar spoke as part of the Office of International Programs (OIP)'s Ambassadorial Lecture Series. He was introduced by OIP Director Saul Sosnowski and spoke briefly before inviting questions from the audience.

After taking the final question, he told the audience that many student volunteers had signed up to help in hospitals and teach English in Afghanistan. He invited those present to join them.

"Or perhaps in a few years you will come as tourists and visit the Tora Bora area," he said.

## Connecting Life and the Sciences



PHOTO BY JOHN T. CONSOLI

Venroy Joseph, a graduate student in the College Life Sciences, explains Prof. Michele Dudash's work in genetic evolution during the poster session at the recent Bioscience Research & Technology Review Day. The event featured research talks, presentations, mini-symposia and demonstrations by university scientists. The program provided, among other things, an opportunity for executives and professionals in industry and government to discover the most recent advances in bioscience and biotechnology at the university and to recruit employees and investigate job opportunities.

## Seminar: Israeli Occupation is the Issue

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ed to "state-sponsored terror." He traced the changes in the Bush administration's position on the Palestinian-Israeli peace process, and detailed Palestinian objections to the Bush "roadmap" for a two-state solution. Addressing Bush's calls for the removal of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, Jahshan said, "Arafat is not the issue. Israeli military occupation is the issue."

Makovsky outlined the Israeli point of view with regard to the crisis. He noted that conditions now are less favorable than during the 1990s peace process; Arafat is now "discredited for his refusal to repudiate terrorism," and the Israeli government has shifted rightward. Makovsky emphasized the Israeli insistence on its security and on Palestinian recognition of the country's moral legitimacy. He stated that the Palestinian side must constrain its militants if it wishes to succeed in the peace process, and castigated the Arab world for not condemning the use of terrorism. Makovsky acknowledged that Israel's moving forward with settlements in the West Bank had violated the "spirit, but not the letter" of its agreement with the Palestinians; in the question-and-answer session after the panel, he and Jahshan agreed that an aggressive settlement policy is incompatible with seeking peace.

The other panel, "The Iraq

Crisis," was moderated by Jillian Schwedler of the Department of Government and Politics. The panelists were Geoffrey Kemp, director of regional strategic programs at the Nixon Center; and Hafez Mirazi, Washington bureau chief of the Arabic satellite TV news channel Al-Jazeera.

Kemp spoke on several different scenarios of a postwar Iraq. He faulted analogies between Iraq and the post-WWII occupation and reconstruction of Japan, saying that they do not take into account that Iraq, unlike Japan, is not a homogeneous society, and there is no figurehead such as the emperor whom an American occupying force could hold up as a symbol of continuity amid transition. Kemp also discussed some "serious considerations" with regard to a war in Iraq, such as the possibility that Saddam Hussein might employ weapons of mass destruction or that a siege of Baghdad (with its population of five million people) might be necessary. Theorizing how Iraq's neighbors might react to a U.S. war with Iraq, he speculated that a "quick, successful war" might send a message to Syria and Iran to rethink their associations with the terrorist group Hezbollah, and noted that Turkey is concerned that an independent Kurdish state in northern Iraq would set a bad precedent for its own restive Kurdish population.

Mirazi's presentation focused extensively on Arab public opinion with regard to U.S.-Arab relations and the crisis in Iraq. He said that many Arabs were offended that the Bush government had waited rather than immediately repudiating the anti-Islamic remarks made by powerful members of the Christian right. He discussed his network and how, while it is criticized by many in America for airing tapes of Osama bin Laden, in the Arab world it is often perceived as excessively pro-U.S. or pro-Israel. Like Makovsky, who noted that the Israeli settlement issue is a volatile one more for its symbolism than for the actual percentage of land involved, Mirazi mentioned the significance of psychology in U.S.-Arab relations, and how the perception among some Arabs that they have been stripped of their dignity leads to resentment toward the United States.

The event was organized by Shibley Telhami, who holds the Anwar Sadat Chair. At a luncheon following the seminar, Telhami emphasized the importance of combating not just terrorism, but also the circumstances that foster terrorism, and giving a nuanced picture of the complex issues at hand in the Middle East.

—Christine Moritz, Office of International Programs



# For Your Interest

## 2003 Student Affairs Conference Proposals

The 29th annual Student Affairs Conference, "Flourishing in Extraordinary Times," scheduled for Feb. 14, 2003, will examine the current climate in higher education and consider ways to flourish in that environment. Program proposals may address campus environment, ways to respond to these extraordinary times, or a combination of both.

Send program proposals to Andrea Goodwin at [agoodwin@accmail.umd.edu](mailto:agoodwin@accmail.umd.edu) or to 2118 Mitchell Building by Dec. 9. The title should be a maximum of 12 words and the abstract a maximum of 50. Include formal objectives, presentation format, audio/visual requirements and intended audience. For more information, contact Andrea Goodwin at (301) 314-8206 or [agoodwin@accmail.umd.edu](mailto:agoodwin@accmail.umd.edu).

## HIV/AIDS: A Business Issue?

In a special event for World AIDS day, panelists from the worlds of business, nonprofits and government will discuss the economic impact of HIV/AIDS and its effects on, and the response of, the business community. The roundtable discussion will take place Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in 1524 Van Munching Hall.

For more information, contact Paul Dowling at (301) 405-9464 or [pdowling2003@rhsmith.umd.edu](mailto:pdowling2003@rhsmith.umd.edu).

## Home for the Holidays at Rossborough Inn

Celebrate the season with special menu selections from around the world. Menu selections vary daily through Dec. 20. Our grand holiday buffet will be available each Friday.

- Tuesday, Dec. 3: Italian
- Wednesday, Dec. 4: El Salvadorian
- Thursday, Dec. 5: Greek
- Friday, Dec. 6: Williamsburg Buffet

The Rossborough's regular restaurant menu is available Monday through Thursday in addition to the daily specials. Reservations are required. For more information, contact Pam Whitlow at (301) 314-8013 or [pwhitlow@dining.umd.edu](mailto:pwhitlow@dining.umd.edu).

## Gifts and Giving at the Union

The Stamp Student Union will host two activities focused on the giving of gifts.

The Art and Learning Center will hold a Holiday Craft Fair with gifts for Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 2 and 3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will be held in the Grand Ballroom. For more information, call (301) 314-ARTS.

## House Science Committee Visits Campus



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MITCHEL

Members of the House Science Committee toured various campus facilities last week, including the Geoscience Isotope facility, the new Chemistry wing, the Neutral Buoyancy Lab and the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. The group concluded the day at the Comcast Center with a tour led by Tracy Gletow of Intercollegiate Athletics (second from right, above). The event was organized by Rae Grad, director of federal relations for the university, in conjunction with Diane Jones, assistant staff director for the House Science Committee.

## Life Sciences: Creating Diverse Bonds

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dent for research and dean of the graduate school. From 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the guests visited various graduate departments and programs. After the tours, a Research Forum was held in the Baltimore Room of the Stamp Student Union, followed by a dinner hosted by the Norma Allewell, dean of the College of Life Sciences.

"It is our hope that the faculty who visit the university will return to their respective schools and encourage their top students to attend our six-week summer research program for minority life science students and later apply to graduate school at the University of Maryland," Anderson said.

In the fall of 2002, Anderson and Earlene Armstrong, assistant professor in the Department of Entomology, visited Howard University, Lincoln University, Hampton University, Norfolk University, Tougaloo College, Hunter College, York College, Clark Atlanta University and Spelman College.

The diversity program began in the fall of 2001 with visits to Morgan State University, Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES), North Carolina Central University, North Carolina A&T State University, Jackson State University, Alcorn State University, Morehouse College and Spelman College. Ten additional universities will be visited in 2003.

Anderson said since the program is still young it is difficult to measure its success.

"We're getting on the map now," Anderson said.

Armstrong agrees the program has not been in existence long enough to measure success, but added the participating institutions seem to have a positive view on forming a collaborative effort to diversify the graduate student population.

"The more exposure the people have to the campus, the more positive feelings they have," which will in turn benefit the diversity program, Armstrong said.

—Meghan Hirst, junior, journalism

Also, the Jewish Social Action Committee will be collecting old, unused cell phones to be donated to victims of domestic abuse. Phones can be dropped off Monday to Thursday, Dec. 2 to 5, outside the union. For more information, e-mail [wsabow@wam.umd.edu](mailto:wsabow@wam.umd.edu).

## Holiday Gift-a-Go-Go

Sponsored by Weekends@Maryland and the Art & Learning Center, this free event gives participants the opportunity to make their own handcrafted gifts, cards and giftwrap. The event will take place on Friday, Dec. 6, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Art & Learning Center (room B0107 in the Stamp Student Union).

For more information, con-

tact Alicia Simon at (301) 314-ARTS or [asimon@union.umd.edu](mailto:asimon@union.umd.edu).

## Observatory Open Houses

The university observatory has open house evenings on the 5th and 20th of each month. From November through April, the program begins at 8 p.m. with a short lecture followed by observation through the telescopes if the weather permits.

On Thursday, Dec. 5 at 8 p.m., Derek Richardson will present "Using Earth's Tides to Make Asteroid Moons."

For more information, contact Elizabeth Warner at (301) 405-6555 or [warnerem@astro.umd.edu](mailto:warnerem@astro.umd.edu), or visit [www.astro.umd.edu/openhouse](http://www.astro.umd.edu/openhouse).

## Holiday Parties at The University Golf Course

The university golf course is filling up quickly for December events. Those planning a holiday party for their department, family, friends, etc., should call soon to reserve space.

The following dates are still available:

- Monday, Dec. 2 (any time)
- Tuesday, Dec. 3 (any time)
- Saturday, Dec. 7 (night only)
- Sunday, Dec. 15 (any time)
- Thursday, Dec. 19 (7 p.m. or later)

For information regarding catering or to book space, contact Nancy Loomis at (301) 314-6631 or [nloomis@dining.umd.edu](mailto:nloomis@dining.umd.edu).